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SUBJECT: SEC INVESTIGATION OF VESCO

REF: STATE 4066

1. IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO RECOMMEND LAWYERS AS REQUESTED, EMBASSY NEEDS TO KNOW MORE PRECISELY WHAT SERVICES WOULD BE INVOLVED AND WHAT WOULD BE EXPECTED. WOULD IT BE EXPECTED THAT LAWYERS WOULD UNDERTAKE INVESTIGATIONS TO TRACE FUNDS OR VESCO ACTIVITIES? WHAT KIND OF LEGAL OR COURT ACTIONS MIGHT BE ANTICIPATED AND WHAT WOULD THEY ENTAIL? WOULD CLAIMS RELATE ONLY TO ASSETS IN NAME OF IOS AND FUND OF FUNDS OR ANY ASSETS CONTROLLED BY VESCO?

2. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, SITUATION IN COSTA RICA IS UNIQUE AND PRESENTS LIMITATIONS. EXECUTIVE BRANCH IS UNLIKELY TO BE SYMPATHETIC TO NOR PERHAPS VERY COOPERATIVE WITH ANY ACTIVITY AIMED AT VESCO. CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN VESCO AND PRESIDENT FIGUERES
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(AND OTHER KEY FIGUERS) AS WELL AS VESCO

INVESTMENT IN FIGUERES' ENTERPRISES ARE RELEVANT FACTORS. ANY ACTIVITY OF AN INVESTIGATORY NATURE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT LOCALLY FOR PRIVATE LAWYER, AND THE LOCAL CLIMATE FOR IT EVEN AMONG THE GENERAL PUBLIC WOULD BE UNSYMPATHETIC. THE CURRENT ELECTORAL PERIOD IS FOR THESE REASONS A PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TIME ESPECIALLY FOR INVESTIGATORY ACTIVITY, AND THE WILLINGNESS OF LOCAL LAWYERS TO GET INVOLVED AT THIS TIME WILL CONSEQUENTLY BE ESPECIALLY LIMITED. IT IS CONSIDERATIONS SUCH AS THESE WHICH MAKE IT IMPORTANT FOR US TO KNOW MORE CLEARLY WHAT THE PARAMETERS ARE IN ORDER TO MAKE BETTER JUDGMENTS AS TO RECOMMENDATIONS REQUESTED.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO APPRECIATE THAT THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN COURT-APPOINTED RECEIVERS AND THE US GOVERNMENT IS NOT LIKELY TO BE UNDERSTOOD OR BELIEVED IN THIS CONSPIRACY-MINDED SOCIETY, AND ANY OR ALL ACTIVITY ON BEHALF OF RECEIVERS WILL BE UNAVOIDABLY VIEWED BY GENERAL PUBLIC AS REPRESENTING OFFICIAL US GOVERNMENT ACTION.
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